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1. THE SECRETARY HAS APPROVED THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE MISSION CONSULT FIRST WITH FRIENDLY COUNTRIES IN THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS AND THEN WITH THE SOVIET DEL WITH A VIEW TO SEEKING SUSPENSION OF NEGOTIATIONS ON PEACEKEEPING GUIDELINES. DEPT ASSUMES THIS WILL INCLUDE CONSULTATIONS WITH AT LEAST UK, FRANCE,

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AND CANADA.

2. IF FRIENDLY DELS AND SOVIETS AGREE, MISSION IS AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH DEVELOPING A PROPOSAL TO WORKING GROUP FOR SUBSEQUENT APPROVAL BY SPECIAL COMMITTEE. AS SUGGESTED IN USUN 3124, US ATTITUDE SHOULD BE THAT FURTHER PROGRESS DOES NOT APPEAR POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME AND THEREFORE WE ARE RELUCTANTLY PROPOSING SUSPENSION OF TALKS. WE DO NOT RPT NOT WISH TO APPEAR AS RINGLEADER IN THIS MATTER AND WOULD EXPECT PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT OF FRIENDLY DELS AND SOVIETS IN THIS ACTION. IN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS, MISSION MAY, AS APPROPRIATE AND IN LOW KEY, EXPLAIN THAT BASIS FOR RECOMMENDED SUSPENSION OF TALKS IS LACK OF FLEXIBILITY IN NEW SOVIET POSITION, WHICH WOULD

MAKE FURTHER TALKS FRUITLESS. HOWEVER, IF SOVIETS ACTIVELY SUPPORT SUSPENSION PROPOSAL IN WORKING GROUP AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE, MISSION SHOULD AS FAR AS POSSIBLE AVOID SUBSTANTIVE STATEMENTS ON SOVIET POSITION IN THOSE FORA, MERELY NOTING THAT US AND SOVIET POSITIONS ARE TOO FAR APART TO BE RECONCILED AND THAT CONSEQUENTLY WE HAVE AGREED TO DISAGREE.

3. MOST DESIRABLE RESULT WOULD BE AN INDEFINITE SUSPENSION OF TALKS WITHOUT FURTHER SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE. IF THIS PROVES UNACCEPTABLE, WE BELIEVE THAT AT MINIMUM SPECIAL COMMITTEE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES SHOULD SUSPEND ALL MEETINGS FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR. MISSION MAY ASSURE OTHER MEMBERS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF IMPORTANCE US ATTACHES TO UN PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS AND OF OUR INTENTION TO CONTINUE CONSULTATIONS WITH SOVIETS ON INFORMAL BASIS WITH VIEW TO RESUMING SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S WORK AS SOON AS THIS APPEARS PROFITABLE.

4. DEPT. WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT FULLY INFORMED AS CONSULTATIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSAL PROCEED, ESPECIALLY CONCERNING REACTION OF NON-ALIGNED. INGERSOLL

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